

gas from passing through any meter, and prevent any electric, water or gas meter by any manner or means from registering the full amount of current of electricity, water or gas that passes through it, and to prevent the diversion from any wire of electric current, water or gas of any person, corporation or company engaged in the manufacture or distribution of electricity, water or gas for lighting, power or other purposes; and to prevent the retaining of, or refusing to deliver any meters, lamps or other appliances which may have been loaned or supplied for furnishing electricity, water or gas; and to prescribe a penalty for the violation thereof; so amending said chapter as to make the presence on or about such meters, wires and pipes of any device for the diversion of electric current, water or gas, or for the prevention of the proper action, or registration of the meter prima facie evidence of intention on the part of the user to defraud, within the scope of such chapter and so amending said act as to effect more fully the purpose thereof, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DENTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 11, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 8, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

HARRIS, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 14, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr.

Beason has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLORER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred House bill No. 19, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

FLORER, Chairman.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

(Thursday, September 13, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Fitzpatrick.
Baker.	Florer.
Beard of Milam.	Fly.
Beasley.	Greenwood.
Beason.	Haidusek.
Bedell.	Hardey.
Bell.	Harris.
Bertram.	Hill.
Blackburn.	Holaday.
Blackmon.	Holland.
Bland.	Hudspeth.
Bledsoe.	Johnson.
Bryan.	Laas.
Bryant.	Lacey.
Burton of Rusk.	Laney.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lanier.
Butler.	Lee.
Cadenhead.	Lindemann.
Canales.	Lowe
Cates.	of McMullen.
Clark.	McComb.
Cope.	McCoy.
Cox.	McDowra.
Davis of Dallas.	McMillin.
Davis of Grimes.	Martin.
Davis	Meador.
of Van Zandt.	Mendell.
De Bogory.	Miller of Austin.
Denton.	Miller of Dallas.
Dodd.	Monday.
Dudley.	Moore.
Dunnam.	Morris.
Estes.	Murrell.
Fairchild.	Neill.
Fisher.	Nordhaus.

O'Banion.	Swope.
O'Brien.	Templeton.
Osborne.	Terrell.
Parks.	Thomas.
Peyton.	Thomason
Pillow.	of El Paso.
Raiden.	Thomason
Reeves.	of Nacogdoches.
Richards.	Thompson
Robertson.	of Hunt.
Russell.	Thompson
Sackett.	of Red River.
Sallas.	Tillotson.
Sentell.	Tilson.
Schlesinger.	Tinner.
Schlosshan.	Trayler.
Scholl.	Tschoepe.
Seawright.	Veatch.
Sholars.	Walker.
Smith of Bastrop.	White.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williams
Smith of Scurry.	of Brazoria.
Spencer of Wise.	Williford.
Spradley.	Wilson.
Stewart.	Woods.
Strayhorn.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	McFarland.
Beard of Harris.	Neeley.
Brown.	Nichols.
Carlock.	Peddy.
Hartman.	Rogers.
Hawkins.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalf.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain, as follows:

Our Heavenly Father, Thou hast been very gracious to us, preserving our lives through the darkness of another night and bringing us to the light of this new day. We pray Thou that we may be very grateful unto Thee for all Thy loving kindness and mercy. Guide us this day that we may bring our very best to this day's duties. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leave of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Pope, for today, on motion of Mr. Williford.

Mr. Fairchild, for yesterday, on motion of Mr. Richards.

Mr. Metcalfe, for today, on motion of Mr. Sackett.

Mr. Roemer, for this week, on motion of Mr. Lanier.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria, from the beginning of the session until today, on motion of Mr. Cope.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was ordered that House bill No. 21 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Parks, it was ordered that House bill No. 19 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam it was ordered that House bill No. 14 be not printed.

RELATING TO COMPLIMENTARY EDITORIAL.

Mr. Beasley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The following editorial appearing in "The Statesman" of yesterday speaks complimentary of two of the worthy and respected members of this House; and

Whereas, So far as it refers to these members it, in a limited way, expresses the esteem in which they are held by the membership of the House; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, in Called Session assembled, That said editorial be ordered printed in the Journal to the end that same may be of permanent record.

Signed—Beasley, Richards.

DE BOGORY.

The Ferguson controversy has brought into strong relief some romantic personalities. For instance, there is Will Hogg, the champion of the University. Call him violent if you like, the fact remains that Hogg is a patriotic Texan and his opponents will seek in vain to establish a selfish motive for anything he has done. On the Ferguson side there is the picturesque Sam Low, Low the "good scout" who is "persona grata" with almost every newspaper man in Texas, regardless of the attitude of the newspaper man on the Ferguson issue. He is an "old school" partisan whose

performance in the present controversy is consistent with his activities throughout his political career. And of course there are others.

But the history of such affairs as the Ferguson investigation will show few, if any, characters comparable to Eugene De Bogory, a Representative in the House from Abilene. His home town was chosen, through the influence of Governor Ferguson, as the site of the West Texas A. and M. College. Naturally, his home town is strongly prepossessed in favor of Governor Ferguson. De Bogory knew this. Perhaps he had many letters from his constituents. Perhaps he had before him the comment of his home-town papers on the Ferguson issue, when he cast his vote on the question of impeaching Governor Ferguson. Whatever was the case, he seems to have decided according to the dictation of his own conscience. It is immaterial that he decided against Ferguson, except that his decision shows his courage. In the history of Texas, men who have dared to do what De Bogory did have been sufficiently rare to make him a notable example.

It is reported that De Bogory has been asked to resign. It is reported also that he has been asked not to return to Abilene. If these reports are true they do not hurt De Bogory, but they hurt the town from which he came. Texas and our country and the world need such men. They need not worry over the sentiments of a petty town. Theirs "is the world and everything that's in it" (to borrow from our friend Kipling) and if they are without honor in their own land they must surely find it somewhere else. The need of the State, the need of the Nation, the need of the world is for men who dare to be true—for men who dare to be true to conscience, to duty and to truth. Let the butterflies of politics sun their wings in the brief glare of popular favor if they will, the truth remains that the builders and the betterers of the world are men who can dare to be unpopular.

If Abilene does not want De Bogory, there are many communities which not only want him, but need him. Austin has no need to change her representatives in the Legislature, for they all have played heroic parts, but Austin might use in some other capacity this West Texas Regulus, who voted against his own personal interests. So might many Texas communities.

The entire State may say of his de-

cision, as Justin McCarthy says in that dear old book so popular a few years ago—"If I Were King"—that "It means a man has come to court." And Texas needs such men.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Murrell moved the previous question on the resolution and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the resolution yeas and nays were demanded.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—80.

Mr. Speaker.	Miller of Dallas.
Baker.	Moore.
Beard of Milam.	Morris.
Beasley.	Murrell.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bell.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackburn.	Peyton.
Blackmon.	Pillow.
Bledsoe.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Bryant.	Richards.
Burton of Rusk.	Robertson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Russell.
Butler.	Sackett.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Clark.	Schlossan.
Cope.	Seawright.
Davis of Dallas.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis	Smith of Scurry.
of Van Zandt.	Spencer of Wise.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Strayhorn.
Estes.	Templeton.
Florer.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Thomas.
Hardey.	Thomason.
Holaday.	of El Paso.
Holland.	Thomason
Hudspeth.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson.	Thompson
Laas.	of Hunt.
Lacey.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Trayler.
Lee.	Veatch.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
McMillin.	Wilson.
Meador.	Yantis.
Mendell.	

Nays—17.

Beason.	Fitzpatrick.
Bland.	Greenwood.
Cates.	Harris.
Denton.	Lowe
Fairchild.	of McMullen.
Fisher.	Monday.

Nordhaus.
Sallas.
Scholl.

Sholars.
Spradley.
Walker.

Present—Not Voting.

Cox.
De Bogory.
Dunnam.
Fly.
Lindemann.
O'Brien.

Parks.
Swope.
Tschoepe.
White.
Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.
Beard of Harris.
Brown.
Canales.
Carlock.
Hawkins.
Hill.
Lange.
Low
of Washington.
McFarland.
Martin.
Miller of Austin.

Neeley.
Nichols.
Peddy.
Rogers.
Schlesinger.
Spencer of Nolan.
Thompson
of Red River.
Tinner.
Upchurch.
Valentine.
Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.
Crudgington.
Hartman.
Jones.
Metcalfe.
Poage.

Pope.
Roemer.
Taylor.
Williams
of McLennan.
Woodul.

Reasons for Vote.

Ordinarily I am opposed to encumbering the Journal of this House with newspaper editorials, but this is an extreme case, in which a member of this House has been unjustly criticised and abused for doing his duty as he understood it, and the editorial in the Statesman is a deserved rebuke to the attacks upon Mr. De Bogory and a just tribute to a worthy member of this House, who has done his duty as he sees it under the most trying circumstances; therefore, I vote "yea" on the adoption of this resolution.

TERRELL.

"Consistency, thou art a jewel."

SHOLARS,
MONDAY.

I vote "nay" because I am not willing to establish a precedent for having all the nice things newspapers may say about members of this House printed in the Journal. The reason is obvious why such a precedent should not be adopted.

BEASON.

Mr. Richards moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopt-

ed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, private secretary to the Acting Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Acting Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Third Called Session:

I beg to submit for the consideration of your honorable body the following subjects:

1. Enactment of a law amending Article 2858, Article 2859 and Article 2860 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to provide for the manner of holding an election for the levying, the continuance or the discontinuance of local school taxes in independent districts incorporated for school purposes only.

2. Enactment of a law to amend Article 7235, Title 124, Chapter 6, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, so as to include therein Madison county, said law being known as the stock law for the counties named.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,

Acting Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office.

Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Third Called Session:

I beg to submit for the consideration of your honorable body the following subjects:

1. Enactment of a law to amend Article 5692, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, providing that actions for specific performance shall be filed within two years, instead of ten years.

2. Enactment of a law to provide that the owners of public free school land purchased from the State of Texas, after January 1, 1907, and prior to September 1, 1917, on condition of settlement and residence, which land may hereafter be forfeited for non-payment of interest, shall have the right to repurchase a complement of sections of

said lands as now provided by law and leaving a lien and valid contractual right existing in and to the land so repurchased unimpaired; providing for the creation of a commission to revalue such lands as may be desired to repurchase under such act; and providing that such act shall become effective only as to those who are bona fide owners and settlers of the land sought to be repurchased.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Acting Governor of Texas.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Seventieth Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the business of emigrant agents, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate has adopted:

S. C. R. No. 2, Authorizing and permitting the Postoffice Department and its authorities and employes to back cars and trucks carrying mail upon the sidewalks and approaches at the north end of the Capitol.

Respectfully,
G. H. BOYNTON,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally the first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. McFarland and Mr. Bryan:

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that owners of public free school land purchased from the State of Texas, after January 1, 1917, and prior to January 1, 1917, on condition of settlement and residence, which land may hereafter be forfeited for non-payment of interest as now prescribed by law, provided said forfeiture was caused by reason of interest accrued or

accruing prior to the taking effect of this act, shall have the right to repurchase not to exceed a complement of eight sections of said lands and leaving any lien or valid contractual right existing in and to the land so repurchased unimpaired; providing for the creation of a commission to revalue such land as may be desired to be repurchased under this act; and providing that this act become effective only as to those who are bona fide users of the land sought to be repurchased, and providing for an affidavit to be made by persons repurchasing, if demanded, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Mr. Lacey:

H. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Title 24, Chapter 6 of the Revised Civil Statutes, State of Texas for 1911, so as to include therein Madison county."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 11 was laid before the House, read first time and referred to the Committee on Labor.

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the General and Special Laws of this State of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, relating to the State Institution for the Training of Juveniles, as found on pages 92 and 93 of the laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections Nos. 2 and 14 of the Special Road Laws of Coleman county, Texas, approved April 15, 1905,

being House bill No. 542, as amended by an act being House bill No. 688, of the Special Laws of Texas, and as amended by an act being House bill No. 52, of the Special Laws of Texas, approved June 4, 1915, which House bill No. 542 is entitled: 'An Act to amend Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14 of the Special Laws of Texas, approved April 15, 1905, being House bill No. 542, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Coleman county, Texas; and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for the appointment of road overseers, and defining their duties and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for escaped convicts, and authorizing the working of county convicts partly upon the county convict farm as well as upon the public roads, and partly upon both, in the discretion of the commissioners court, and making provisions applicable as far as practicable to convicts when worked upon county farms; and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work and for an allowance of time of road service for same; and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act; and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act as to Coleman county; providing for the condemnation of land needed for widening, straightening, changing or draining roads; providing for the taking of timber, gravel, earth, stone or other necessary material for the improvement of roads, and giving persons summoned to work upon the roads the right to be relieved from the discharge of such duty on the payment of specific sums of money herein stipulated; providing for the collection of such sums of money by road overseers; and prescribing the penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act," and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 2 and

6, Chapter 4, of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, being an act to create a more efficient road law for Llano county, Texas, etc."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 19, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Dallas county, Texas, to provide a building in the city of Dallas at or near the courthouse in said county, and to establish therein a woman's rest room or rest rooms of sufficient dimensions for the comfort and convenience of the women and children of the rural districts who are called upon to attend court, or to visit the county site; and appropriate sufficient money out of the general fund of said county to properly maintain said rest room or rest rooms, and to pay the salaries of the matron and janitor, and to provide water, lights and heat for said building, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 19 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Mr. Speaker.	Cadenhead.
Baker.	Canales.
Beard of Milam.	Cates.
Beasley.	Clark.
Beason.	Cope.
Bedell.	Cox.
Bell.	Davis of Dallas.
Bertram.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackburn.	Davis
Blackmon.	of Van Zandt.
Bland.	De Bogory.
Bledsoe.	Denton.
Bryan.	Dodd.
Bryant.	Dudley.
Burton of Rusk.	Dunnam.
Butler.	Estes.

Fairchild.	Robertson.
Fisher.	Russell.
Fitzpatrick.	Sackett.
Florer.	Sentell.
Greenwood.	Schlesinger.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hardey.	Scholl.
Harris.	Seawright.
Holaday.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Hopkins.
Johnson.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Spradley.
Lacey.	Stewart.
Laney.	Strayhorn.
Lanier.	Swope.
Lee.	Templeton.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
Lowe	Thomas.
of McMullen.	Thomason
McComb.	of El Paso.
McDowra.	Thomason
McMillin.	of Nacogdoches.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Hunt.
Miller of Austin.	Thompson
Miller of Dallas.	of Red River.
Monday.	Tillotson.
Moore.	Tilson.
Morris.	Trayler.
Neill.	Tschoepe.
Nordhaus.	Veatch.
O'Banion.	Walker.
O'Brien.	White.
Osborne.	Williams
Parks.	of Brazoria.
Pillow.	Williford.
Raiden.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Yantis.
Richards.	

Present—Not Voting.

Fly.	Woods.
Murrell.	
Absent.	
Bagby.	Martin.
Beard of Harris.	Neeley.
Brown.	Nichols.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Peyton.
Hartman.	Rogers.
Hawkins.	Sallas.
Hill.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Spencer of Wise.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

The Speaker laid House bill No. 19 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Baker.	Miller of Austin.
Beard of Milam.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Monday.
Beason.	Moore.
Bedell.	Morris.
Bell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nordhaus.
Blackburn.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Osborne.
Bledsoe.	Parks.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Bryant.	Pillow.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cadenhead.	Russell.
Canales.	Sackett.
Clark.	Sentell.
Cope.	Schlesinger.
Cox.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Scholl.
Davis of Grimes.	Sholars.
Davis	Smith of Hopkins.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
De Bogory.	Spencer of Wise.
Denton.	Spradley.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dudley.	Swope.
Dunnam.	Templeton.
Estes.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Thomas.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of El Paso.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of Nacogdoches.
Hardey.	Thompson
Harris.	of Hunt.
Holaday.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Tillotson.
Johnson.	Tilson.
Laas.	Trayler.
Lacey.	Tschoepe.
Laney.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Walker.
Lee.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
Lowe	of Brazoria.
of McMullen.	Williford.
McComb.	Wilson.
McDowra.	Woods.
McMillin.	Yantis.
Meador.	

Present—Not Voting.

Fly.	Murrell.
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Absent.

Bagby.	Neeley.
Beard of Harris.	Nichols.
Brown.	Peddy.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Cates.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Hartman.	Seawright.
Hawkins.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Spencer of Nolan.
Lange.	Strayhorn.
Low	Tinner.
of Washington.	Upchurch.
McCoy.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 19 was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Sackett moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 16 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—96.

Mr. Speaker.	De Bogory.
Baker.	Denton.
Beard of Milam.	Dodd.
Beasley.	Dudley.
Beason.	Florer.
Bedell.	Greenwood.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Bertram.	Hardey.
Blackburn.	Harris.
Blackmon.	Holaday.
Bland.	Holland.
Bryan.	Hudspeth.
Burton of Rusk.	Johnson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Laas.
Butler.	Lacey.
Cadenhead.	Laney.
Canales.	Lanier.
Clark.	Lee.
Cope.	Lindemann.
Cox.	Lowe
Davis of Dallas.	of McMullen.
Davis of Grimes.	McComb.
Davis	McDowra.
of Van Zandt.	McMillin.

Martin.	Spradley.
Meador.	Stewart.
Mendell.	Strayhorn.
Miller of Dallas.	Templeton.
Monday.	Terrell.
Morris.	Thomas.
Neill.	Thomason
Nordhaus.	of El Paso.
O'Banion.	Thomason
O'Brien.	of Nacogdoches.
Osborne.	Thompson
Peyton.	of Hunt.
Pillow.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Red River.
Reeves.	Tillotson.
Richards.	Tilson.
Russell.	Trayler.
Sackett.	Tschoepe.
Sentell.	Veatch.
Schlesinger.	Walker.
Schlosshan.	White.
Scholl.	Williams
Seawright.	of Brazoria.
Sholars.	Williford.
Smith of Bastrop.	Wilson.
Smith of Hopkins.	Woods.
Smith of Scurry.	Yantis.
Spencer of Wise.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Fly.
Bryant.	Murrell.

Absent.

Bagby.	McFarland.
Beard of Harris.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Moore.
Carlock.	Neeley.
Cates.	Nichols.
Dunnam.	Parks.
Estes.	Peddy.
Fairchild.	Robertson.
Fisher.	Rogers.
Fitzpatrick.	Sallas.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Swope.
Hill.	Tinner.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.
McCoy.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 16 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—99.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Baker.	Miller of Austin.
Beard of Milam.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Monday.
Beason.	Morris.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bertram.	Nordhaus.
Blackburn.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Osborne.
Burton of Tarrant.	Parks.
Butler.	Peyton.
Cadenhead.	Pillow.
Canales.	Raiden.
Cates.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sentell.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
Davis	Schlosshan.
of Van Zandt.	Scholl.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Denton.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dudley.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dunnam.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spencer of Wise.
Fisher.	Spradley.
Fitzpatrick.	Stewart.
Florer.	Swope.
Fly.	Templeton.
Greenwood.	Terrell.
Hardey.	Thomas.
Harris.	Thomason
Holaday.	of Nacogdoches.
Holland.	Thompson
Hudspeth.	of Hunt.
Johnson.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tilson.
Lacey.	Trayler.
Laney.	Tschoepe.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lee.	Walker.
Lindemann.	White.
Lowe	Williams
of McMullen.	of Brazoria.
McComb.	Williford.
McDowra.	Wilson.
McMillin.	Woods.
Martin.	Yantis.
Meador.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Thomason
Bryant.	of El Paso.

Absent.

Bagby.	Carlock.
Beard of Harris.	Fairchild.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Brown.	Hartman.
Burton of Rusk.	Hawkins.

Hill.	Rogers.
Lange.	Sallas.
Low	Spencer of Nolan.
of Washington.	Strayhorn.
McCoy.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Red River.
Moore.	Tinner.
Neeley.	Upchurch.
Nichols.	Valentine.
Peddy.	Wahrmund.
Robertson.	

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

SENATE BILL NO. 8 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of home guards under the direction of the sheriff of the county; providing for the regulation of such home guard and granting the right to counties, cities and towns to appropriate money to provide arms and ammunition for such home guard, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

(Mr. Sentell in the chair.)

Mr. Richards offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 8 by striking out the word "sheriff" wherever it appears and inserting in lieu thereof the words "county judge."

Mr. Canales offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend, page 1, line 15, by striking out the word "sheriff" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "commissioners court."

Question first recurring on the substitute, it was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 8 by adding after "prescribe" in Section 5 the following, "provided, that all persons who receive arms from county shall return all guns and ammunitions to the county judge when they are not on duty."

The amendment was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Canales offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption, line 8, by striking out the word "sheriff" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "commissioners court."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 8 by striking out the word "sheriff" wherever it appears in Section 2 and insert the words "county judge."

Mr. Holland moved the previous question on the amendment and passage of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—68.

Mr. Speaker.	Neill.
Beard of Milam.	Nordhaus.
Beasley.	O'Banion.
Beason.	Peyton.
Bertram.	Pillow.
Blackburn.	Reeves.
Blackmon.	Richards.
Bland.	Robertson.
Burton of Tarrant.	Russell.
Canales.	Sackett.
Cates.	Sentell.
Cope.	Schlesinger.
Davis of Grimes.	Scholl.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spradley.
Fisher.	Swope.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomason
Florer.	of Nacogdoches.
Fly.	Thompson
Hardey.	of Hunt.
Holaday.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	Tschoepe.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
Meador.	Williams
Mendell.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin.	Williford.
Miller of Dallas.	Wilson.
Monday.	Yantis.
Morris.	

Nays—27.

Baker.	Lindemann.
Bedell.	Martin.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Brien.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Clark.	Parks.
Cox.	Raiden.
Davis of Dallas.	Sallas.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Greenwood.	Stewart.
Harris.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Lacey.	Tilson.
Lanier.	Traylor.
Lee.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Spencer of Wise.
Bryant.	Thomason
Denton.	of El Paso.
McMillin.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Low
Beard of Harris.	of Washington.
Bell.	McFarland.
Brown.	Moore.
Butler.	Neeley.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Davis	Peddy.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Schlosshan.
Hartman.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hawkins.	Strayhorn.
Hill.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Upchurch.
Laney.	Valentine.
Lange.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

Reason for Vote.

I am not in favor of all features of the bill, but having promised on the floor of the House that upon the removal of certain of the most objectionable features, I would support the final passage of the bill, and those features having been removed by amendment, I vote yea.

RUSSELL.

Mr. Holland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to
inform the House that the Senate has
passed

S. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled
"An Act creating the Rock Island In-
dependent School District as passed by
the First Called Session of the Thirty-
fifth Legislature."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 14 was laid before the
House, read first time and referred to
the Committee on Education.

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on
its second reading and passage to en-
grossment,

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Chapter 104 of the
Acts of the Regular Session of the
Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of
Texas, entitled an act creating a more
efficient road system for Newton county,
Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was
passed to engrossment.

RECESS.

Mr. Russell moved that the House re-
cess until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the
House recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.
today.

The motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas
prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at
11:45 o'clock a. m., took recess until
2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2:30 o'clock p. m.
and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Martin moved to suspend the con-
stitutional rule requiring bills to be read
on three several days in each house and

that House bill No. 18 be placed on its
third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following
vote:

Yeas—93.

Mr. Speaker.	Mendell.
Baker.	Miller of Dallas.
Beard of Milam.	Monday.
Beasley.	Moore.
Beason.	Morris.
Bedell.	Neill.
Bell.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Blackmon.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Peyton.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Butler.	Raiden.
Cadenhead.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Cope.	Russell.
Cox.	Sackett.
Davis of Dallas.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fisher.	Smith of Scurry.
Florer.	Spencer of Wise.
Greenwood.	Spradley.
Haidusek.	Swope.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thomas.
Holaday.	Thomason
Holland.	of El Paso.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Johnson.	of Nacogdoches.
Laas.	Thompson
Lacey.	of Hunt.
Laney.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Trayler.
Lee.	Tschoepe.
Lindemann.	Veatch.
Lowe.	Walker.
of McMullen.	White.
McComb.	Williams
McCoy.	of Brazoria.
McDowra.	Williford.
Martin.	Wilson.
Meador.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Bryan.	Murrell.
Bryant.	Osborne.
Fly.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	Brown.
Beard of Harris.	Carlock.
Blackburn.	Cates.

Clark.	Peddy.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Stewart.
Hawkins.	Strayhorn.
Hill.	Templeton.
Lange.	Thompson
Low	of Red River.
of Washington.	Tilson.
McFarland.	Tinner.
Miller of Austin.	Upchurch.
Neeley.	Valentine.
Nichols.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 18 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—97.

Mr. Speaker.	Hill.
Baker.	Holaday.
Beard of Milam.	Holland.
Beasley.	Hudspeth.
Beason.	Johnson.
Bedell.	Laas.
Bell.	Lacey.
Bertram.	Lanier.
Blackburn.	Lee.
Blackmon.	Lindemann.
Bland.	Lowe
Bryant.	of McMullen.
Burton of Rusk.	McComb.
Burton of Tarrant.	McCoy.
Cadenhead.	McDowra.
Canales.	McMillin.
Clark.	Martin.
Cope.	Meador.
Cox.	Mendell.
Davis of Dallas.	Miller of Dallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Monday.
De Bogory.	Morris.
Denton.	Neill.
Dodd.	Nordhaus.
Dudley.	O'Banion.
Dunnam.	O'Brien.
Estes.	Osborne.
Fairchild.	Parks.
Florer.	Peyton.
Fly.	Pillow.
Greenwood.	Raiden.
Haidusek.	Reeves.
Hardey.	Richards.
Harris.	Russell.

Sackett.	Thomason
Sentell.	of Nacogdoches.
Schlesinger.	Thompson
Schlosshan.	of Hunt.
Scholl.	Thompson
Seawright.	of Red River.
Sholars.	Tillotson.
Smith of Bastrop.	Tilson.
Smith of Hopkins.	Trayler.
Smith of Scurry.	Tschoepe.
Spencer of Wise.	Veatch.
Spradley.	Walker.
Stewart.	White.
Swope.	Williams
Terrell.	of Brazoria.
Thomas.	Williford.
Thomason	Wilson.
of El Paso.	Yantis.

Present—Not Voting.

Bledsoe.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Woods.

Absent.

Bagby.	McFarland.
Beard of Harris.	Miller of Austin.
Brown.	Moore.
Butler.	Neeley.
Carlock.	Nichols.
Cates.	Peddy.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
Fisher.	Sallas.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Strayhorn.
Hawkins.	Templeton.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lange.	Upchurch.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmund.

Absent—Excused.

Blalock.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Taylor.
Jones.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of McLennan.
Poage.	Woodul.
Pope.	

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 16; A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Dallas county to provide a building at or near the court house in said county to be used as a woman's rest room or rest rooms, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into the State of Texas of the destructive cotton pest, *Pectinophera gossypiella* Saund, hereinafter referred to as the pink boll worm, and to control and eradicate such insect pest in the event its presence in this State is discovered; creating a zone along the southern and southwestern boundary of the State from which cotton and cotton products may not be transported; providing for the inspection of fields of cotton and for the inspection and general control of cotton produced in an inspection zone; and to provide for the quarantine and control of any territory within the State within which the pink boll worm may be found; providing for an appropriation and creating an emergency."

S. B. No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and maintain at the Ferguson State Farm, in Madison county, or the Shaw State Farm in Bowie county, or State Farm in Brazoria county, Texas, a school for the education and training of delinquent and incorrigible negro boys, to be named and known as the State Training School for Negro Boys, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 42 of the General and Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, relating to the State Institution for the Training of Juveniles, as found on pages 92 and 93 of the laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature."

The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to S. B. No. 8 and requests a free conference on this bill.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 8.

Mr. Holland called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the request of the Senate for a Free Conference Committee on Senate bill No. 8.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

Question—Shall the request be granted?

Mr. Holland moved that the request be granted.

The motion prevailed.

In accordance with the above action,

the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Holland, Fisher, Dudley, Johnson and Mendell.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 16, to the Committee on Juvenile Reforms.

Senate bill No. 7, to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senate bill No. 10, to the Committee on Juvenile Reforms.

Senate bill No. 13, to the Committee on Juvenile Reforms.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 12, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the business of emigrant agents; defining emigrant agents; providing for licensing any person, firm or private employment agency desiring to be licensed as an emigrant agent, and prescribing the method of obtaining such license, and the requirements thereof, and defining who may be licensed; prescribing certain duties relative to the act and its administration for the Commissioner of Labor Statistics and the Attorney General, and conferring certain authority relative to the administration of this act upon said Commissioner; fixing the fees which may be charged by parties licensed hereunder, and fixing the license fees to be paid by those licensed hereunder; creating and defining offenses for violation of this act, and prescribing the punishment therefor; providing that all fees collected hereunder shall be paid directly into the State Treasury; declaring that all appropriations made for the Department of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics may be used in the enforcement and administration of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Beason, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

RELATING TO INVESTIGATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS AND IN- STITUTIONS.

Mr. Fly, for the committee heretofore appointed to recommend plans for an investigation of the State departments and institutions, submitted the following report, which was read to the House:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your Committee appointed pursuant to a resolution passed by the House on September 5, 1917, to recommend plans for a thorough and complete investigation of all the departments and institutions of the State government, beg leave to report that we have embodied such plans and recommendations in the form of a supplemental resolution, a copy of which is transmitted herewith with the recommendation that the same be adopted by the House.

Signed—Fly, McMillin, Sackett, Seawright, Pillow, Cope, Dudley, Smith of Bastrop, Schlosshan, Bryant.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That a central executive committee be, and the same is hereby created by the House of Representatives, to be composed of ten members of the House appointed by the Speaker.

Said central executive committee shall have charge of, and shall be empowered to direct the general work of investigation provided for in said original resolution and by this resolution, in the manner herein stated.

Immediately upon the appointment of said central executive committee it shall be the duty of the members thereof to meet and organize by selecting its chairman and by doing such other things as may be necessary for efficient organization. Immediately upon the organization of said central executive committee it shall be its duty to meet and assign to each of the sub-committees herein-after provided for the general duties to be performed by it in such investigation and the officer, or officers, employe or employes, department or departments, and institution or institutions to be investigated by each of such sub-committees, which assignments may be changed from time to time by said central

executive committee as to it may seem proper, or said sub-committees may be divided as said executive committee may direct and sent into the different departments.

The central executive committee shall fix the date upon which each and all of such sub-committees shall begin their work, and shall employ and furnish to each of such sub-committees such clerical help, including stenographers, clerks and auditors as may be imperatively necessary for the execution of the work assigned thereunto.

As each of the sub-committees complete the work assigned to it it shall file its report thereon with said central executive committee, accompanied by all evidences taken by it, and such sub-committee may have assigned to it any portion of the unfinished work of any of the other sub-committees, and when such additional work shall have been completed it shall file with the central executive committee its report thereon together with all evidence taken by it.

When the entire work herein provided for shall have been completed by the central executive committee and each of the sub-committees, the central executive committee shall meet and formulate its final report to the House, such report to include its findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations with respect to each and all of the various departments investigated by it and by each of the sub-committees, and the same shall be accompanied by a complete record of all evidence taken by it and by each of such sub-committees. In the event the House of Representatives shall be in session when such report is made, it shall be filed with the Speaker of the House; and in the event the House be not in session when such report may be formulated, the central executive committee shall decide whether or not in its judgment the evidence taken warrants a special session of the Legislature for general purposes or for any special purpose, or a session of the House for impeachment purposes, and shall include its recommendations upon these subjects in its report, and, in such event, a copy of such report shall be filed with the Speaker of the House and a copy shall, also, be filed with the Governor.

The central executive committee shall formulate the rules of its procedure, shall meet as often as may be necessary upon a call of the chairman, or upon call of a majority of its members.

in the event of the inability or refusal of the chairman to act or to issue a call; and may decide all questions within its powers by a majority vote. And in addition to the specific powers herein conferred, said central executive committee shall have all general powers necessary for the complete accomplishment of the purposes of such investigations not in conflict with the provisions of this resolution or with the law.

Sec. 2. That ten sub-committees be, and they are hereby created by the House of Representatives, such sub-committees to be numbered from 1 to 10, inclusive, to be composed, each, of one member of the central executive committee, who shall be chairman of such sub-committee, and of two other members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker.

Sec. 3. Said central executive committee and each of such sub-committees, and the chairman and members thereof, are hereby empowered to summon witnesses and to call for the production of books, records and papers, to administer oaths, and to interrogate, or to direct the interrogation of witnesses; and they, and each of them, are hereby empowered to visit and inspect any and all departments, institutions and enterprises of the State government and to inspect and take copies of any papers or records belonging to or pertaining to such departments, institutions or enterprises relevant to the matters under investigation; and in addition to the powers herein enumerated each of such committees and the members thereof shall have all the powers conferred upon committees of the House by Articles 5517 to 5524, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of 1911 and by any other law now in existence or hereafter enacted pertaining thereunto.

Sec. 4. The members of the committees before named, while actually engaged in the investigation of the departments and institutions of the State, whether the Legislature is in session or not, shall receive the sum of \$5 per day, payable weekly, and in addition thereto when investigating an institution away from the capital, they shall be allowed their necessary traveling expenses, all expenses to be paid out of the contingent expense fund of the House, upon voucher with authorized account attached and approved by the chairman of the sub-committee and the chairman of the central committee. And all ex-

penses which such committees are authorized to incur shall, in like manner, be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

All witnesses not employes of the State, before the committees shall be paid the same fees as provided for witnesses summoned in the district courts of this State; the central and each sub-committee shall have the right to summon witnesses who shall be sworn by the chairman or any member of either committee and said central committee, and each sub-committee shall have full authority to issue all necessary process, summon witnesses and to compel their attendance and for production before it of any paper, book or document; that all expenses shall be paid by warrants properly issued by the chairman of the central committee.

No expense incurred by the employment of stenographers, auditors or clerks shall exceed like expenses provided for in the recent impeachment proceedings held in the Committee of the Whole House.

Sec. 5. In addition to the general purposes of the investigation herein provided for, heretofore stated, it is hereby declared that if the House of Representatives, in order properly to perform the duties now before it, or which may hereafter come before it, desires information, and the aforesaid committees shall procure and report information concerning any and all of the following matters with respect to each and all of the officers, employes, departments, institutions and enterprises of the State government, to wit:

Whether or not facts exist which make it the duty of the House of Representatives to exercise its powers of impeachment or expulsion; whether or not any form of corruption, or improper practices, or influence exist with respect to the conduct of work, the selection or service of employes, or in the handling of public funds; whether or not inefficiency or extravagance in any form exists; whether or not the force of employes is too large or too small, and whether or not such employes are industrious as well as honest, and whether or not such force is industriously employed at all proper times; whether or not the laws now governing the management, purposes and activities of such departments or enterprises should be amended, and, if so, in what respects such changes should be made; whether

or not the proper safeguards are now thrown around the activities and the funds thereof, and whether or not there should be consolidation, elimination of departments, commissions, boards, board of regents and trustees.

And in the procuring of such information such committees are hereby directed to pay particular attention to the thorough auditing of the receipts and disbursements of all such departments, institutions and enterprises for a reasonable and representative period of time, and particular regard should be had of disbursements for traveling expenses and all general and contingent expenses.

Sec. 6. Said committees shall continue to perform the duties devolved upon them until the general objects of the investigations provided for shall have been thoroughly accomplished; and if the House of Representatives shall adjourn before such investigations are completed, such committees shall, nevertheless, continue to perform such duties and to have and exercise all the powers conferred upon them by the resolutions of the House and by law now in force or which may be enacted, to the same extent as if the Legislature were in session.

Sec. 7. Should a vacancy occur either by resignation or otherwise, in the central executive committee or either of the sub-committees, then in that event, if such vacancy occurs while the Legislature is in session, the chairman of the executive committee shall certify the fact to the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall fill said vacancy by appointment from the membership of the House, if, however, said vacancy should occur when the Legislature is not in session, then such appointment shall be made by the executive committee from the membership of the House.

Question—Shall the report be adopted?

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the report:

Amend the report by striking out all language relative to manner of appointing committees and their central executive committeemen and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Said central executive committee shall be elected by the House in the following manner: Each member of the House shall make out a written ballot upon which he shall write the names of fifteen members whom he thinks best suited for the

duties mentioned in said resolution. When each member of the House has voted, said ballots shall be collected and counted and the ten members receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the central executive committee to make the investigation provided for. Should any one or more of said ten members so elected as central executive committeemen fail or refuse, after good cause shown, to accept said position, then the member receiving the next highest vote among those balloted upon, shall be declared elected, and so on, until said ten executive committeemen have been provided for. Each of said ten executive committeemen so elected shall appoint from the membership of this House, two members to serve with him as assistants, on his committee."

The Speaker stated that if there was no objection, further consideration of the report would be postponed until it has been printed in the Journal, and also that any amendments members may desire to offer to the report, would be printed in the Journal.

There was no objection offered.

The following proposed amendments to the report were then filed:

Amend the resolution by substituting the following for the amendment by Thomason of El Paso:

Immediately upon the organization of the central executive committee, as aforesaid, it shall designate from its members the chairman and member of each of such sub-committees; immediately thereupon the chairman of each of such sub-committees shall submit to the central executive committee the names of two members of the House to serve upon the sub-committee of which he is chairman, which selections, if ratified by the central executive committee, shall be by it certified to the Speaker of the House with the recommendation that such members be appointed as members of such sub-committee. In the event the central executive committee shall fail to ratify such selections, or in case the Speaker fails to appoint pursuant to such ratification, with respect to any sub-committee, the chairman of such subcommittee shall immediately submit other names until a ratification and appointment is had.

PILLOW.

Amend the resolution by adding the following at the end:

Provided, that said executive committee or either of the said sub-committees may act in co-operation with any committee or committees that may be appointed by the Senate for a similar purpose in such manner as may be determined by the committees of the two bodies.

TILLOTSON.

Amend the resolution by adding the following:

The committee herein provided for shall make a complete investigation of the Legislative Department of the State Government, and inquire into the expenditures of the House and Senate for all purposes; and make such recommendations as the conditions may warrant, in regard to the manner and purposes of the expenditure of the contingent fund, and recommend such changes in the statutes as may be necessary to enforce all constitutional provisions and protect the State against illegal expenditures from the contingent fund, or against extravagant or illegal expenditures for any officer, employe or member of the Legislature.

TERRELL.

Add at end of fourth paragraph, Section I, immediately following words thereto:

The central executive committee shall also employ, when his services become necessary, an efficiency expert whose duty shall be to systematize all the different departments of the State government with a view to the consolidation of any two or more of them so as to reduce the expense of conducting same and also to devise such methods of management as will reduce to a minimum the expenses of conducting the State government and yet maintain the maximum of efficiency.

YANTIS,
THOMPSON of Hunt.

Amend Section 4, page 4 of the committee report by adding after the word "weekly" in line five (5) of said section the words "for each day actually served."

THOMPSON of Hunt.
YANTIS,

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas it was ordered that Senate bill No. 16 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Beason it was ordered that Senate bill No. 11 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Austin it was ordered that Senate bill No. 14 be not printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. O'Banion, the House, at 4:20 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE REFORMS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 10, recommend that it do pass.

FLORES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: We, your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 13, recommend that it do pass.

FLORES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Juvenile Reforms, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 16, recommend that it do pass.

FLORES, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 11, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment.

NORDHAUS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 14, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 16, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 18, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 21, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BLAND, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 12, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture,

to whom was referred House bill No. 1, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Tillotson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 13, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 24, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

NEILL, Chairman.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

(Friday, September 14, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Baker.	Dudley.
Beard of Milam.	Dunnam.
Beasley.	Estes.
Beason.	Fairchild.
Bedell.	Fisher.
Bell.	Fitzpatrick.
Bertram.	Florer.
Blackburn.	Fly.
Blackmon.	Greenwood.
Bland.	Haidusek.
Bledsoe.	Hardey.
Brown.	Harris.
Bryan.	Hill.
Bryant.	Holaday.
Burton of Rusk.	Holland.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hudspeth.
Butler.	Johnson.
Cadenhead.	Jones.
Cates.	Laas.
Clark.	Lacey.
Cope.	Laney.
Cox.	Lanier.
Davis of Dallas.	Lee.
Davis of Grimes.	Lindemann.
Davis	Lowe
of Van Zandt.	of McMullen.
De Bogory.	Low
Denton.	of Washington.
Dodd.	McComb.